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6. (Currently Amended) The hair fastener of claim 4 wherein a [decretive] decorative member is attached by attaching means to at least one [bend] of the substantially sharp angles of the zigzag member.

The undersigned has made a diligent effort to amend the claims of this application so that they define novel structure, which is also submitted to render the claimed structure unobvious because it produces new and unexpected results. If, for any reason the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07 (j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 (d) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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